

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3076 – SB 3187

March 18, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014527): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to establish a program under which municipal separate sewer systems may become qualified local programs. Authorizes TDEC to review and approve applications from municipal separate sewer systems. Authorizes TDEC to incorporate the requirements of a qualified local program.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – A permissive increase in local government revenue of an unknown amount. A shift of funding and resources within TDEC, used for the current permitting process, to the newly established program; the net impact of this shift will be not significant.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- According to TDEC, the Department plans to implement this program incrementally over an eight- to ten-year period. Any increase in state expenditures to the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) or the General Fund to implement the program; any decrease in permit fee revenue to the EPF; and any decrease in expenditures from the EPF or General Fund to issue permits will be not significant.
- Local programs are not required to collect permit fees. The number of municipal systems applying for and authorized to become qualified local programs; the number of those programs charging permit fees; the amount of such fees; and the timing of application approvals over the eight- to ten-year period of implementation cannot be reasonably determined. Any increase in local government fee revenue is permissive.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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